

ALL WELL AT LADYSMITH

General Buller Sends a Message From Pietermaritzburg.

The London War Office receives a Report indicating the Safety of the Ninth Lancers—Official Casualties of the Fight at Gras Pan—No Confirmation of Methuen's Reverse.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—General Buller telegraphs from Pietermaritzburg under today's date as follows:

"Our last news from Ladysmith was dated November 19, and reported all well. A message dated November 19 has just been received from General Buller. He has explained the firing on a flag of truce. It has accepted the explanation as satisfactory. The wounded are doing well and the troops are healthy."

The war office has received news that the Ninth Lancers were out reconnoitering on Sunday. This indicates that they returned to Gras Pan after the battle.

In the official casualties of the fight at Gras Pan the losses of the Ninth Lancers are given as one killed and eight wounded. None is reported missing and it was inferred from this that the remainder of the command has returned safely to camp.

General Lord Methuen's Gras Pan casualties were 3 officers wounded, 10 men killed and 72 wounded, and 77 missing.

Apprehension has been caused by the report by way of Berlin, that General Lord Methuen's force has met with a staggering defeat north of Gras Pan, where a fight took place immediately after the engagement at Belmont.

Whether the place where the third engagement was fought is Honey Nest Kloof, which Cape Town despatches reported earlier to have been captured by Methuen, or one still further north, is not wholly clear. The Berlin story is that the British were repulsed with great slaughter. The Boers, it is reported, got around to the rear of the British and shot down more than 100 of the valiant naval brigade, which had done such magnificent work in the previous engagements.

The Berlin newspapers also print despatches asserting that the Ninth Lancers were captured. The Lancers engaged in the fight at Belmont are believed to have numbered about 500. All of this information comes primarily from Boer sources.

The war office announces officially that the report that Gen. Lord Methuen captured 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition is untrue.

The Queen will inspect the first battalion of the Grenadier Guards, at Windsor, tomorrow. The wives and families of the men will be present.

FRENCH OFFICERS WARNED.

Dismissals to Follow if They Go to South Africa.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The "Echo de Paris" says the cabinet has decided to refuse leave of absence to officers who desire to go abroad.

Officers going to the Transvaal will do so at the risk of dismissal from the army.

A NEUTRALITY PROCLAMATION.

American's Position on the South African Trouble to Be Defined.

It was announced at the State Department today that a proclamation is to be issued, declaring a state of neutrality to exist between this country and Great Britain, and the South African Republic.

The proposed proclamation was decided upon at a conference between Secretary Hay and the British Ambassador, who informed Mr. Hay that a state of war existed between Great Britain and the South African Republic.

It was said at the State Department that the proclamation of neutrality did not indicate that this country intended to become entangled in any way in the trouble between the British and the Boers. It was also said that the State Department gave no credence to the reports that American citizens were raising recruits to aid the Boers, and that, as the Boers had no navy it was not thought that contraband goods to any large amount would be shipped from this country to South Africa.

No recent advice has been received by the State Department from United States Consul Macrum nor has the South African Republic replied to this country's request that Consul Macrum be permitted to act as the representative of Great Britain in South Africa.

THEILKUHLE GOING TO AFRICA.

He Resigns His Position to Take Men to the Transvaal.

Gustav Theilkuhl, the messenger in the fleet room of the Patent Office, who is supposed to have been conducting for some time past a pro-Boer movement in this country, resigned his position with the Government this morning. The Times has printed on several occasions accounts of Mr. Theilkuhl's movements, which he deemed as being in any way connected with military operations. The Boer Transvaal said this morning that the men he has secured to go to South Africa will do so in the interest of mining, and that military experience was deemed desirable to insure the capabilities of roughing it in that country.

Mr. Theilkuhl inserted yesterday a notice in the local papers which stated that the Duchess d'Uzes Legion will meet at headquarters in New York city tomorrow. The Duchess d'Uzes Legion, he explained, is an organization of which he is agent for the southern district of this country. He says the Duchess d'Uzes is of the French nobility, worth \$20,000,000 and is deeply interested in the Boers. Mr. Theilkuhl added that there is also plenty of money back of the legion from wealthy people in this country.

Mr. Theilkuhl became very enthusiastic this morning over the prospects of the Boers. "Unless the English send over there 200,000 men," he said, "they will not have a chance to win. The Boers will have an army of 140,000 to 150,000 men within the next month or six weeks." He explained that the Boers had a method of recruiting their army from the outside. He did not say what that method was, but declared that his mining scheme will be represented by some thousands of men from this country, who will have all their expenses paid immediately to Paris, and thence to the Transvaal.

Mr. Theilkuhl scouted the idea of the British having captured a million rounds of ammunition, as claimed in the de-

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THE PLAGUE SITUATION.

Every Precaution Taken to Bar Out the Bubo Plague.

The general bubo plague situation remains practically unchanged, the only exception being the news of a case of the disease at Cadix, Spain, by a telegram received this morning by Surgeon General Wyman of the Marine Hospital Service, through the State Department.

The Marine Hospital authorities are keenly alive to the danger of the infection which threatens this country, and are instituting the strictest quarantine measures to check its advance. The fact that the appearance of the plague in Santos, Brazil, and the two cases reported in New York harbor several days ago, are the first known to the Western Hemisphere, have caused considerable anxiety. The closeness with which every avenue is watched through which it is possible for the plague to enter, is sufficient evidence that the situation is thoroughly appreciated by the officials.

Cuba is under the surveillance of special quarantine officers as it is thought that the greatest danger of infection will come from there. It is estimated that the emigration from Spain to Cuba is, in Santos, England, it was prior to the outbreak of the war. This means an increase in population of about 30,000 a year from this source alone. A number of cases of bubo plague are known to have occurred in their typical form at Barcelona and Oporto, Portugal, and it was from these cities that the first case at Santos, Brazil, is said to have come. The United States health officers are therefore taking the greatest precautions to prevent the landing of any persons upon which the slightest suspicion of disease rests. All emigrants are closely examined before they are allowed to enter.

The plague, which is now epidemic in China, started westward three or four years ago. It had reached Alexandria, Egypt, last summer, but since then has made its appearance in Austria, Spain, Portugal, and one case, which proved fatal, was reported in the harbor of Plymouth, England. The plague reached Santos, Brazil, from Spain, and was subsequently carried to New York on the British steamer J. W. Taylor.

One step taken by the United States Marine Hospital Service since the appearance of the plague in this country is the purchase of a large quantity of anti-plague serum from the Pasteur Institute of Paris. This will be used at all the quarantined stations of the United States.

A recent telegram received by the department announces that several cases of genuine bubo plague are raging in Algeria. Although the plague is not yet reported to have reached the United States, the French authorities have considered the situation of enough importance to send a quarantine officer there to make an investigation.

The phases of the situation are being closely watched by Surgeon General Wyman and his staff, and they are amply prepared to stamp out any symptoms of plague which may invade this country. The situation is thoroughly understood by them and they say that this fact minimizes the danger of infection.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Henry Anderson Called to Answer for Killing Old Hyson.

EASTON, Md., Nov. 28.—Henry Malcolm Anderson, son of Dr. James H. Anderson, the veteran medical practitioner of Talbot county, who now resides in Baltimore, was put on trial in the circuit court for Talbot county yesterday on the charge of stabbing to death Old Hyson in Easton on the night of July 2 last. The case has attracted a great deal of attention, and the courtroom was crowded.

The grand jury presented Anderson for murder, and State's Attorney Mellick, in his opening statement to the jury, said it would be shown that on the night of the tragedy Anderson, Hyson, and others were returning in a conveyance from a social gathering at the residence of a friend from Easton, called "The Klondike," that Anderson and Hyson had a quarrel on the way home, and that upon their return Anderson stabbed Hyson to death prematurely.

In his statement to the jury Mr. Carrington, for the defense, said the stabbing was a defense of the person, and that it was not premeditated; that the two had been drinking and had got into a fight; that Hyson, who was the stronger, struck Anderson first, and that Anderson, who in turn defended himself with his knife. He therefore, asked for the acquittal of the accused.

MR. CROKER SAILS FOR EUROPE.

Friends Make a Floral Bower of His Cabin on Shipboard.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Richard Croker sailed for Europe this morning on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Mr. Croker's friends had filled his cabin with flowers from his own garden, and the friends who were present, as at the Democratic club last night he had expressed a desire that there be no demonstration at the dock.

Mr. Croker secured a comfortable cabin on the top upper deck of the vessel amid the cheering of a large number of his friends. He was greeted by a large number of his friends, who were waiting for him at the dock. He was seen to be in good spirits, and he was seen to be in good health.

After a time his uncle heard a strange thumping sound and went to investigate. He found the hold on fire, the lantern having broken and the oil spilled on the woodwork. After putting out the fire with a few buckets of water he found the body of his nephew terribly mangled. His coat had caught in the shafting and he was whirled round and round, being literally pounded to death.

CAUGHT IN A VESSEL'S SHAFT.

A Youth Pounded to Death in a Steamboat's Hold.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Charles N. Leroy, seventeen years old, of New Hamburg, was killed on the little steamboat Messenger, which runs between New Hamburg and Newburg, yesterday morning. He worked on the boat as clerk and was learning to handle the engine, under his uncle, George Terwilliger, who owns the vessel. Leroy went into the hold to oil the shaft, taking with him a lighted candle. After a time his uncle heard a strange thumping sound and went to investigate. He found the hold on fire, the lantern having broken and the oil spilled on the woodwork. After putting out the fire with a few buckets of water he found the body of his nephew terribly mangled. His coat had caught in the shafting and he was whirled round and round, being literally pounded to death.

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GENERAL WOOD RETURNS

Santiago's Military Governor Arrives at Quarantine.

His Instructions Are to Report to the Adjutant General for Further Orders—The Condition of His Province Reported as Daily Improving. Many People on the Public Works.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Gen. Leonard Wood, Military Governor, of the province of Santiago, Cuba, was a passenger on board the United States transport McPherson, which arrived from Santiago this morning. When seen at Quarantine, General Wood said that he received orders from the Adjutant General at Washington to report there for further orders.

"I embarked immediately on board the McPherson for home. I have no knowledge of the business for which I am called to Washington beyond the order to report."

"Before I left we heard the news of the death of the Vice President and the flags were half-masted on all the public buildings. His loss is great, as he was a strong man in the Administration. News of his death has been heard with profound regret at Santiago."

"The condition of Santiago in relation to public affairs is improving daily. We employ many on public works, such as roads, bridges, and the like. We have no destitution, and excepting a period after the great storms and hurricanes, when the rains washed the crops out of the ground in many places, we have not issued ration tickets. This was less than 1,000. I have great hopes for the early development of the mining industries of Santiago province with its wonderful rich deposits of iron, copper, and zinc ores, which are bound to add to the prosperity of the island."

General Wood expects to proceed to Washington tomorrow. Among the passengers who arrived on the McPherson in addition to General Wood were Lieutenant Brooks, Dr. E. F. Geddings, surgeon U. S. A.; Capt. C. W. Post and Goldsmith, of the Fifth United States Cavalry; Captain Reynolds, surgeon U. S. A.; Capt. B. V. Vance, Eleventh United States Infantry; Lieut. C. G. Hall, Fifth United States Cavalry, and P. M. Cook, Deputy Collector of Customs of Porto Rico.

General Leonard Wood's visit to this country is made at the direction of the President and the Secretary of War, who desire to consult him about matters relating to the establishment of a civil government in Cuba. General Wood appears to be the candidate most favored by the Administration for civil governor, but no selection has been made.

CLERK DAWSON DISCHARGED.

The Penalty of Writing Letters Criticizing the President.

Secretary Root issued an order today discharging Noble E. Dawson, a clerk in the War Department. The order was issued with the consent of the Civil Service Commission, under which Dawson was appointed.

Dawson was discharged for writing letters to the Postmaster General, in which he made sarcastic remarks about President McKinley. In one of his letters he said: "I trust, that when the wise and patriotic Administration gets back from its swine-around, having shown the bawling voters that it was McKinley who caused the bountiful crops to grow, salted the Klondike with a wealth of gold nuggets, and furnished employment (in the Philippines) to your unemployed needy, will, undisturbed by the spectre so aptly limned by the autumnal poet in his luminous phrase, 'The Dewey-skirted clouds imbibe the sun,' again tackle the coal mines."

The matter was called to the attention of the chief clerk of the War Department, who summoned Dawson to his office. Dawson said he had written the letter and that he expected to be discharged for doing so. Later he wrote the Secretary of War a letter in which he said: "The distressing situation at home, added to my own indisposition, has caused me to write the letter which you have just received. I am deeply sorry that I wrote the letter apologizing, but what I do cannot be undone, and I have nothing more to say."

A few minutes later he was discharged, and left the building before he could again be seen.

MATINEES FOR THE FAIR.

Typographical Managers Decide to Open the Temple in the Afternoon.

The fair held by Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, at Typographical Temple, continues to be a leading attraction in the city, as is attested by the large crowds that nightly attend it.

The crush has been so great that to relieve the pressure some the management has decided, beginning with tomorrow, to open the doors in the afternoon. This plan will be followed until the fair closes next Monday. Tomorrow night the Business Men's Association and other kindred societies are expected at the fair, and an excellent programme has been prepared for them.

All of the booths retain their charming and attractive appearance, but none more so than that of the "Down town" chapel. It is particularly draped in corals and set off with potted palms and greens, which are displayed with exquisite taste throughout the whole arrangement. The pretty girls attached were very successful in attracting dollars from the purses of the visitors.

Little Miss Maxie Getzinger, who presides over the grab bag, induced many to investigate its contents.

Sorfolk & Washington Steamboat Co. Delightful autumn trips daily at 6:30 p. m. to Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. For schedule, see page 7.

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FINISHING THE MESSAGE.

Mr. McKinley Hears Suggestions From His Advisers.

The President spent nearly two hours at the regular Cabinet meeting this morning in reading those parts of his annual message to Congress which contain recommendations regarding the several executive Departments of the Government.

He asked the Secretaries for suggestions affecting the recommendations and notes made of necessary changes. The more important part of the message, regarding the Philippines and the new insular possessions, was not discussed this morning, as this had been previously disposed of.

There was some discussion of the meeting about the reports that Cuba would resist the proposition to install a civil government in Cuba, but there was no official information on the subject.

THE LORD MAYOR'S RETURN.

English Law Compels Him to Curtail His American Visit.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The Lord Mayor of Dublin, who, with John Redmond, M. P., expected to remain in this country until Christmas time to raise money for the Parnell monument, will be obliged to leave for home on Saturday.

Mr. Tallon announced last night at Delmonico's, where he and John Redmond were the guests of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, that he had just received a message from the municipal authorities of Dublin, informing him that the law declaring the Lord Mayor's office vacant after a two-month's absence of the incumbent, was imperative, and that, while the people of Dublin would be glad to extend the Lord Mayor's vacation, they could not do so.

Mr. Tallon left Dublin on October 11, and he will have to be back there on December 11. Mr. Tallon said he was greatly disappointed that he was obliged to go back so soon, for he was having such a royal good time here.

"I am especially sorry," he told a reporter, "that we are not to be in Washington on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Congress. I am especially sorry that we are not to be in Washington on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Congress. I am especially sorry that we are not to be in Washington on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Congress."

A BURGLAR IN A DORMITORY.

Consternation Caused by an Invasion in a Female School.

PELHAM MANOR, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Loud shrieks of "burglars!" followed by a fusillade of misdirected pistol shots, were the means of disturbing the quiet of this aristocratic suburb at an early hour yesterday morning. The shots, which were fired at a fleeing burglar, who had forced an entrance into Mrs. J. Cunningham Hazen's school, which is known throughout the country. Among the students are daughters of supreme court justices, railroad presidents and millionaire business men. It was shortly after 2 o'clock when Miss Grace Thompson, daughter of a Western banker, awoke and saw a man in her room. She started to get up, but the burglar seized her by the hair and threw her to the floor.

The burglar was running across the hall. By the dim light of a lamp which was burning Miss Thompson saw the man as he passed her door. He was short and his face was partly concealed by a handkerchief. Miss Thompson jumped out of bed and seized a revolver first shot out of the open window.

In an instant the dormitory was in an uproar. The electric lights were turned on and the burglar alarms were ringing. The sounding of the huge gongs aroused every person in the four cottages. The burglar was hiding somewhere in the Edgewood cottage, but just when no one knew. Clusters of students attired in their night robes rushed from one room to another.

Mr. Hazen, who was armed with a double-barreled shotgun, and O'Brien, a watchman, who had a revolver, were searching every corner. While the men were on the third floor the French teacher stood in her doorway on the second floor with no one knew. Clusters of students attired in their night robes rushed from one room to another.

The French teacher did not lose her nerve. Clutching her revolver, she followed the burglar, who had a long start. As the man was leaving the building by way of a basement window the teacher fired at him as he was descending the stairs. The burglar was hit in the leg, but he did not stop. He ran down the stairs and out of the building. The French teacher followed him, but she did not catch him.

THE TIGERS' WELCOME HOME.

A Bonfire and Great Enthusiasm on Princeton Campus.

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 28.—Princeton's campus was turned into a bedlam of noise and enthusiasm last night, when 1,500 undergraduates celebrated the Tigers' victory over Yale in their annual championship football game. A monster bonfire was kindled in the quadrangle on the campus, around which the younger graduates danced and sang their songs until after midnight. A brass band was engaged for the occasion, and each class had secured a drum corps to lead them.

The men marched in line by classes in front of Old Nassau Hall, and the procession immediately moved down Nassau Street to the strains of "Here Comes the Elis." When the team and banners were waiting for them in buses, they were caught sight of there was a grand rush. It was only after a hard struggle that the crowd relinquished their hold on the little red and white team.

The procession had marched down Nassau Street they retired to the boulevards where several of the players were called upon for speeches.

VICTOR L. MASON RESIGNS.

Mr. Root's Private Secretary to Enter Business Life.

Victor L. Mason, private secretary to the Secretary of War, has resigned his position (accept a business position) at the War Department. Mr. Mason will leave the War Department December 1 and will go to Detroit, where he will reside in future, about December 15.

FIRST FIGHT IN CONGRESS

The Initial Battle Likely to Be on Currency Reform.

Reported Preference of the Administration for the Measure Prepared by the House Special Committee. Bills That Commit the Republican Party to the Gold Standard.

The first big political battle in the Fifty-sixth Congress will be over the passage of the currency reform measure which has been prepared by the Republican managers under the immediate supervision of Mr. McKinley. It is understood that the bill prepared by the House special committee last summer, of which General Henderson, the prospective Speaker, was chairman, more nearly meets the views of the Administration than the bill that the Senate Finance Committee has drawn.

Both measures commit the Administration and the Republican party to the gold standard irrevocably, but the Senate bill is said to be vague in its terms and still holds out some kind of a pledge for international currency through the House bill has been drawn, it is said, with the view of securing the votes of those Republicans, like Wolcott of Colorado and Carter of Montana, who still profess to be friendly to the white metal while the House bill will be a flat-footed declaration in favor of a single gold standard without any equivocation whatever.

General Henderson and the Republicans in the House will endeavor to have their bill passed and sent to the Senate before the adjournment for the Christmas holidays. "An effort will be made to reach an understanding with the Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee before the Congress assembles next week, but it is not likely to succeed. The differences between the two committees are too radical to be easily reconciled."

If the Reed rules are adopted by the Fifty-sixth Congress, as now seems probable, the Republicans will have no difficulty in rushing the currency bill reported by the Henderson committee through the House before Christmas, but it will not have plain sailing in the Senate as there is no way of forcing a vote in that body. Half a dozen Senators, if they are so disposed, can debate the measure indefinitely.

The Democratic managers are overjoyed, however, that the Republicans have been forced into taking a positive stand on the currency question in favor of a single gold standard.

"We have now got our Republican friends," said a prominent Democrat to-day, "who will undoubtedly make silver, or the money question, the predominant issue of the next campaign."

"We will gladly accept their challenge. Let us hope that there will be no 'falling' in maintaining their present attitude."

MANAGER CHASE HELD.

His Alleged Violation to Be Considered by the Grand Jury.

P. B. Chase, of the management of the New Grand Opera House, who is accused by William T. Ferguson, colored, of violating the Civil Rights law, appeared in the Police Court this morning in answer to the charge, and waived a preliminary hearing. Judge Scott then ordered the case sent to the grand jury for consideration of the personal bond for his appearance before that body.

After the action of the court, Calvin Chase, a colored attorney, renewed a request made several days ago, asking the District Attorney Mulwoney, for the issuance of warrants against P. B. Chase and Policemen Warren and Murphy. Attorney Chase charged that Manager Chase and the policemen committed an assault on a colored man of the name of Weatherless, who it was claimed was ejected from the New Grand Theatre, because of alleged disorderly conduct. Weatherless was tried on the charge of disorderly conduct and denied his guilt. Witnesses for the prosecution said the defendant occupied and refused to give up seats to white people, which he was not entitled to. Judge Kimball, in dismissing the charge because of conflicting testimony, said he felt sure Weatherless occupied the wrong seats.

In view of these facts and others, Mr. Mulwoney refused to issue warrants, saying that unless sufficient evidence was produced to show that even a technical assault had been committed he could not take up the time of the grand jury tomorrow morning for a hearing of the matter to determine whether there was sufficient grounds for the issuing of the warrants requested.

Bonds Coming in Rapidly.

The offer of the Secretary of the Treasury, made several weeks ago, to purchase \$25,000,000 of bonds to relieve the money market, has not gone begging. The New York Times says that the Treasury has received several offers, although Boston and Philadelphia have not been backward. The total amount of bonds purchased to date by the Treasury is \$13,830,000. Of this \$13,830,000 was purchased yesterday.

To Establish a Night School.

The Commissioners have received a letter from the president of the Heights Citizens' Association containing the information that the association is about to establish a night school to be conducted at the expense of the association. The president requested the Commissioners to allow the school to be established in the old schoolhouse. The writer also requested that the Commissioners lease the building to the Citizens' Association for a nominal price in order that the meetings might be held there also. The request has been submitted to the Attorney for the District for an opinion.

Naval Cadets vs. West Point Cadets.

Championship game, December 2. Choice of trains. Leave Washington, New Jersey Avenue and C Street, for Philadelphia, Franklin Field, 7:05, 8:30, and 10 a. m. Parlor cars and day coaches. Dining car on 10 o'clock train. Returning, leave Philadelphia, Chestnut Street Station, 1:20, 3:30 (Royal Limited), 4:40, 7:00 and 7:30 p. m. Only \$4.25 round trip. Tickets good going December 1 and 2, returning December 2 and 3. For further information apply B. & O. ticket offices.

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